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## LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER – JULY 2018 UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

**Commercial red meat production** for the United States totaled 4.24 billion pounds in July, up 6 percent from the 3.99 billion pounds produced in July 2017.

**Beef production**, at 2.23 billion pounds, was 6 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.77 million head, up 6 percent from July 2017. The average live weight was down 3 pounds from the previous year, at 1,330 pounds.

**Veal production** totaled 6.1 million pounds, 8 percent above July a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 47,800 head, up 22 percent from July 2017. The average live weight was down 27 pounds from last year, at 223 pounds.

**Pork production** totaled 1.99 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year. Hog slaughter totaled 9.60 million head, up 6 percent from July 2017. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 277 pounds.

**Lamb and mutton production**, at 12.1 million pounds, was up 10 percent from July 2017. Sheep slaughter totaled 178,900 head, 7 percent above last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, up 3 pounds from July a year ago.

**January to July 2018 commercial red meat production** was 30.5 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2017. Accumulated beef production was up 4 percent from last year, veal was up 1 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up 6 percent.

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